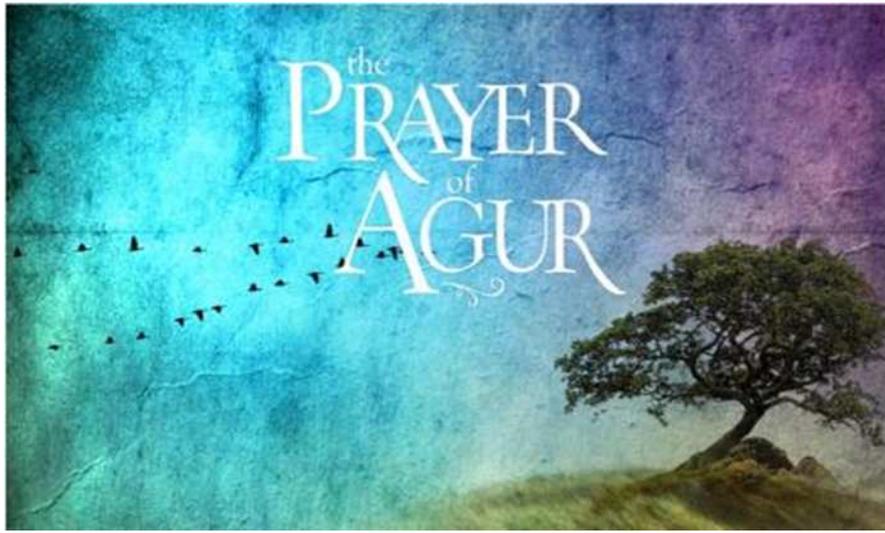


***The HBC Weekly Forecast***  
***Hilton Baptist Church. [www.HiltonBaptistChurch.org](http://www.HiltonBaptistChurch.org)***  
***101 Main Street, Newport News, VA 23601***



Balance and contentment are in short supply in today's culture. So how should we respond? Let me introduce you to a fellow named Agur. His short, heartfelt prayer — the only prayer in all of Proverbs — just might help rescue us from the extremes of our hectic times.

*“Give me neither poverty nor riches,  
but give me only my daily bread.” Proverbs 30:8*

Notice. This quirky, little-known prophet doesn't ask for more than he needs or less than he needs. But only his daily bread. Imagine finding new purpose and contentment in your work, personal ministry, and relationships. As we open our hearts to Agur's wit and wisdom, we learn to: escape imbalance, overcome fear of failure and eliminate envy, joyfully pursue your passions, reap the eternal rewards of trusting God and find your personal sweet spot.

In our modern, busy lives, embracing balance leads us away from bad decision-making and the emotional cost of trying to do too much or survive with too little. This message will unpack Agur's humble prayer!

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***Attend in person this Sunday – Arrive by 9:45 for seating Watch  
“Facebook Live Worship!” 10:00 AM***

***9:00 AM Mon. – Fri. 15-minute daily “Facebook Live” devotionals with Pastor  
Lynwood in “Messages From Mill Point!”***

*Also... Join us Wednesday nights 7:00 pm on **Facebook Live** for  
for “Wednesday Night Bible Study” with Pastor & Special Guests!*

# The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

August 25, 2020



## Sunshine Kids Update

We are planning on starting our Kid's Church back up on Sunday, September 13th.

We will be starting back with a safe place for the kids to come and worship. There are guidelines that they will need to follow and with the help of everyone, I am sure that everything will run smoothly.

I am looking for adults that would be able to ride with me on the bus and also adults to be my helper in the room.

If you would be interested in helping in either capacity, please let me know. --Dreama

Not all kids will be returning to church and we will continue our Virtual Lessons that are posted on the website weekly on Wednesday.



**American  
Red Cross**

Hilton Baptist Church will be hosting a Blood Drive, Monday, September 14th 1:30pm til 6:00pm

You can sign up for the Blood Drive on line or come the day of the event.

We will not be supplying the refreshments . The Red Cross is in charge of all this . If you are volunteering, please call the office so that you can receive the new guidelines for volunteering. The Red Cross is also providing Volunteers for this event.

**Pray for our Missionaries:**

Leah Brown, JG, CS, Landon Williams (American People) MR (Central Asian People) ED, TS (Northern African and Middle Eastern People) HS (South Asian People) MV (Sub- Saharan African People) Mark Pierce (CO) , Joshua Valdez (NM) Shannon Marshall (NY) Daniel Molind (VT)

**Save the Date!**

September 12th 9:00am– 12:00pm  
Volunteers needed to help with yard work at Medical Respite Home for Homeless Veterans!

Please check STCpeninsula.com to see when registration opens. For more information please contact Pam Cooke at 660-4226.

**Pack the Pantry**

Sunday , August 30th

Don't forget to bring your canned food and non-perishable foods.



**Happy Birthday for for the next two weeks**

Janice Harvey 8/30

Mark St. Ours 8/31

Pat Schell 8/31

Donna Perkins 9/3

Larry Painter 9/4

Kathy Caskie 9/6

Stuart Blake 9/6

Jeanne Surber 9/6



**Deposit 8/20/2020**

Budget \$3598.00

Budget Designated—Insurance Rebate \$753.00

8-104 Annie Armstrong \$100.00

8-145 Cash in Cash out– Kids Ministry \$100.00

8-145 Cash in Cash out– Coffee Fund \$1.00

8-403 Food Pantry \$120.00

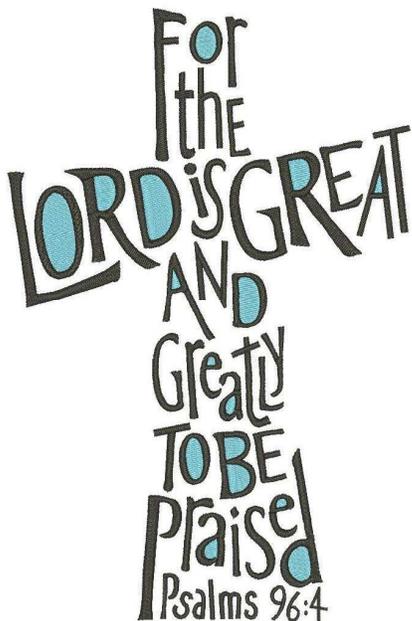
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## Samaritan Purse Shoeboxes

Several people have inquired about the Samaritan Purse Shoe boxes. If you would like to fill a shoebox, that will be great. We do not have the materials to fill them here at HBC but will supply the labels for the shoeboxes. You can find them located in Mission Outreach area. You can place the shoeboxes in the Mission Outreach area or in the church office. The deadline to turn the shoeboxes in is Sunday, November 1st.

Thanks for giving a child a smile this holiday season. If you have any questions, see Pam.



### **Tuesday, August 25th**

1:00-2:00pm Food Distribution

### **Wednesday, August 26th**

7:00pm Facebook Bible Study

### **Thursday, August 27th**

1:00-2:00pm Food Distribution

### **Sunday, August 30th**

10am Worship at HBC and Facebook Live Food Collection Sunday

### **Tuesday, September 1st**

1:00-2:00pm Food Distribution

6:30pm Vision Team Meeting

### **Wednesday, September 2nd**

7:00pm Facebook Bible Study

### **Thursday, September 3rd**

1:00-2:00pm Food Distribution

### **Sunday, September 6th**

10am Worship at HBC and Facebook Live

### **Monday, September 7th**

Labor Day Church Office Closed

Don't forget Pastor Lynwood's Morning Devotions from Millpoint every week day at 9am.

**“Serving our community with the love of Jesus”**



## ***The Prayer of Agur... A Call to Godly Contentment***

*“Two things I ask of you, O Lord; do not refuse me before I die: keep falsehood and lies far from me; give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread. Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, ‘Who is the Lord?’ Or I may become poor and steal, and so dishonor the name of my God”.* Proverbs 30: 7-9

This passage is a prayer for Godly contentment, a contentment that can guard our hearts from either not appreciating our God or from not knowing God.

Agur recognized that he could not be true to God on his own and humbly requested God’s help in two areas. He requested (1) an honest heart and (2) knowing God as his complete sufficiency.

This payer asks us to request of God only what is necessary to serve Him, our portion of God’s allotment that would sustain us each day. It acknowledges that anything more or less can lead our hearts either into sin or into folly and away from the Living God.

Are you surprised that this prayer does not ask for riches, but only my daily bread? God in His infinite wisdom knows that too much or too little of anything ruins a good thing. Too much riches can cloud our ability to seek Him first in our lives and can lead to relying on ourselves.

Likewise, we are to seek balance and acknowledge that, too little of what is necessary can lead to activities that do not honor God, i.e. dishonesty or criminal enterprise.

I believe that at the heart of this prayer is a call to trust in the Lord for each day. Trusting in Him is the key to our Godly contentment! When we are truly filled and baptized in the blessing of His Spirit, what more could we desire or ask. Agur acknowledged this truth when he said: *“Every Word of God is pure; He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him”.* (Proverbs 30: 5)

In His loving kindness God has promised to “supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:19); remember that His riches are as vast as the universe!

Take courage my brothers and sisters in Christ! Let the beauty of Agur’s humble prayer ignite our hearts to focus on the necessary things of God and encourage us to be content before the Lord, secure in the knowledge that He is our covering and our shield!  
*On the grace journey together with you, Lynwood*



## ***In The Fire And Through The Storm!***

*“When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days and the storm continued raging, we finally gave up all hope of being saved.” Acts 27:20*

Have you ever felt yourself to be in a hopeless situation? Even when you were serving God and being obedient to Him in every way you knew how?

Paul was traveling by ship to Italy to appear before Caesar. They had been sailing for some time when a storm blew up. The weather was so bad they could not even use navigational sighting from the stars to compute their position. They had no idea how far they were or even what direction they were headed.

Would you be surprised to discover this is not an unusual situation for the people of God to face? Throughout the Old and New Testaments, storms are used to illustrate difficulties in a believer's life. There are many kinds of storms: relationship, financial, health, business, etc.

We have all faced similar situations in our own lives. The course of everything we are dealing with seems to be going well, when suddenly you notice waves all around you, increasing in size and frequency. The seas become rougher and before you know it, the waves are crashing over the bow of your ship and it seems like *“all hope [of being] saved [is] finally given up.”*

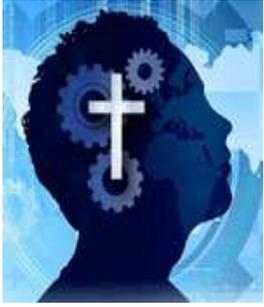
It was into this gloomy set of circumstances that Paul spoke words of life and faith: *“Take heart, for there will be no loss of life among you but only of the ship” (Acts 27:22).*

God was saying through Paul, “Don't look at the circumstances because I have a plan for you that goes beyond your current difficulties. You are not going to die here. I have further use for you.” Paul told them that God had already told him that he would appear before Caesar, and that everyone else on the boat would also survive.

Now that is a word of encouragement from the throne of Grace!

God was about to be faithful to perform what He had promised in their lives, even in spite of the storm which was raging about them. And He does the same in our lives today. Take hope this day that your anchor is held secure by the promises of God to you.

Are you going through a personal storm today? Be encouraged. The strength of the promise of God is true for you today. God has promised that He will never leave you—and He will not!



## ***Bringing Every Thought Captive***

Most of the struggles that we face in life are really inner ones. The outward battles are normally a result of deep inner conflicts that have been built over a lifetime.

If we are to truly experience victory over habits and wrong patterns of actions, then we must learn to undergo a transformation of our inner thoughts and feelings.

The Apostle Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 10:5, “We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.”

Paul was speaking of the spiritual battle that every Christian faces. He understood that the greatest conflicts of life are spiritual ones, and that the battleground is always the mind of the believer.

Before a person comes to know Christ in a deeply personal way, the Bible says that he is a captive or slave to sin. In other words, our entire outlook and view of life is built upon attitudes and thought patterns that are contrary to God’s plan for us. We build those patterns of thoughts over months and years.

When we come to know Christ, that doesn’t mean that we no longer have to deal with wrong thought patterns. It simply means that we are no longer slaves to those patterns. But we must learn to “take every thought to make it obedient to Christ.”

God has given you weapons of spiritual warfare to overcome Satan’s stronghold on your life. Begin today to bring every thought captive unto the obedience of Christ because you can do it if you want to.

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## ***The Last Impression...***

A couple was arranging for their wedding, and asked the bakery to inscribe the wedding cake with “**1 John 4:18**” which reads “There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear.”

The bakery evidently lost, smudged or otherwise misread the noted reference, and beautifully inscribed on the cake

“John 4:18”... (Not **1 John 4:18**)  
“...for you have had five husbands, and the man

*you have now is not your husband.”... (oops!)*





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**YOU KNOW HOW I CAN TELL WHEN YOU ARE LYING? ... YOUR LIPS ARE MOVING**

## *Are You Ready For Bigger Things?*



*“You... enlarged me when I was in distress.” – Psalms 4:1 (Amplified Bible)*

Did you know that the hermit crab looks for a shell that fits him, and then lives in it until he outgrows it? At that point he has to scurry along the ocean floor and find a bigger one; it’s a process that repeats itself throughout his entire life.

Are you clinging to something that no longer fits you, just because it’s easy and familiar? David said, “You... freed me when I was hemmed in and enlarged me when I was in distress.” To develop and grow spiritually you must be willing to move out of your comfort zone and deal with a little ‘distress.’ What worked for you yesterday may not work today.

Maybe it’s a job you’ve outgrown, a relationship you need to re-examine or a behavior you need to change. Regardless of what it is, never become so ‘settled’ that you can’t let go and move on when you need to. Patience and persistence are admirable, but they won’t work in situations you’ve outgrown. Instead of hanging in and trying harder, at certain points you have to stop and ask yourself, “Is this situation good for me?” When God says it’s time to move on, it’s because there’s another shell out there that will fit you even better. But you can’t take occupancy until you vacate the old one. So how about it - are you ready for bigger things?

## *Shipwreck From Within*

Victor Hugo, who is famous for his novel the Hunchback of Notre Dame, also wrote a story called “Ninety-Three.” It tells of a ship caught in a dangerous storm on the high seas. At the height of the storm, the frightened sailors heard a terrible crashing noise below the deck. They knew at once that this new noise came from a cannon, part of the ship’s cargo, that had broken loose. It was moving back and forth with the swaying of the ship, crashing into the side of the ship with terrible impact. Knowing that it could cause the ship to sink, two brave sailors volunteered to make the dangerous attempt to retie the loose cannon. They knew the danger of a shipwreck from the [loose] cannon was greater than the fury of the storm.

Life’s certainly like that. Not always, but more often than not, it isn’t the storms without that cause us the most problems, but the storms that rage within us, such as a spirit of bitterness, jealousy, pride, and greed. Other “loose cannons” are unresolved hurt, anger, a lack of forgiveness, guilt, lust, and so on. These, if not confronted and resolved, can readily cause shipwreck of our relations, our faith, or even our life.





### ***Complete Unity = “Community”***

*“I in them and you in me. May they be brought to ‘complete unity’ to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.” (John 17:23).*

I love researching the sources for some of our common words. Recently I came upon the fact that our word “community” was based upon the idea of “complete unity” as it relates to the Body of Christ.

How important is this “community” in Christ? In the very last hours of his earthly life and ministry, three times Jesus passionately prays for the “complete unity” of the church. So, what is the nature of that community?

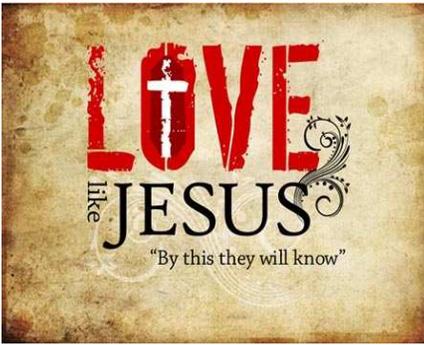
If you look back in verse 20 you will see that Jesus prays, not for them alone. He prays not only for the apostles, but also for those who are to believe in him through the apostolic witness--the great body of Christians around the world and through the centuries.

In other words, the very community of the church today is a connected and continual community with the apostles of the first century. And since the primary task of the apostles was to give us the truth about Jesus, this unity is that of shared truth--one faith delivered unto the saints, one set of beliefs about Jesus given by the apostles. Thus, the basis of unity in the body of Christ is the unity of shared truth.

Another aspect of this spiritual community is found in the words, *“I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity.”* That is the glory of a shared life. Jesus in us, the Father in Him, and thus, in the remarkable words of Peter, we may participate in the divine nature (2 Peter 1:4). Do you realize in Christ you are linked with the life of God--so much so that you cannot be known or understood apart from that life? The understanding of that is what produces a supernatural community among believers. Here is what Jesus is praying--that we may understand the sharing of truth, the sharing of power, and the sharing of life, and that we may be one.

What is the purpose of this supernatural community? Twice our Lord tells us--once in verse 21: *“so that the world may believe that you have sent me,”* and again in verse 23: *“to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.”* When the church begins to demonstrate this unity of faith, the unity of shared truth, shared power, and shared life, the world is hit by an inescapable impression that Jesus is Lord, that He indeed holds the key to history and to reality, that He is indeed the revelation of the invisible God.

*“Lord, You have made me one with believers in all places in all times. May that supernatural community be reflected in all that I do!”*



## *Loving Like Jesus Loves*

This past week as I was praying for a dear friend, I asked God, “How can we love someone who has chosen to harm us? What does that kind of love look like?” This person has suffered great hurt, and I know they want to live like the Savior, but HOW on earth can we love like that?

I heard God answer: “The best way to learn anything is to learn by a model.” When we see somebody else doing it and go, “Oh, that’s how you do it! I’ve got that!” We always learn faster, quicker and deeper when somebody gives us an example.

Who is the best example for love? It’s Jesus Christ. Jesus was the only person with perfect love, with perfect understanding of relationships. In John 13 Jesus said, “I’m giving you a new commandment, love each other in the same way that I have loved you.” Circle “in the same way.”

Jesus says the way that I have modeled, the way that I have loved you I want you to pass that on to other people. I’m the model and the way that I love you is the way I want you to love other people. John 13:15 “I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you.”

You can’t fully understand how to love other people until first you understand how much God loves you. You cannot offer to other people what you don’t possess yourself. You can’t be gracious to others if you haven’t felt God’s grace. You can’t be merciful to others if you haven’t felt God’s mercy. You can’t be loving to others unless you understand how much God loves you.

When you get that, when you feel it, when you understand the incredible, audacious, indescribable love that God has for you and you feel it in your life, then you’re going to be a whole lot more loving of other people. It’s going to be a whole lot easier for you to love other people.

I know without a doubt you’ve had wounds in your life. You’ve been hurt, no doubt. They’re wounds from rejection by peers and parents and other people. God cares. I care. HBC cares. You need to make Jesus Christ the most important person in your life and start filling your mind with what He says.

That is the starting point for love. You can’t love others until you know how much God loves you. Ephesians 3:18 *“May you have the power to understand, as all God’s people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep God’s love really is.”*



## ***Don't Be A Cheetah***

*"...let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us."* – Hebrews 12:1

A PBS webpage noted the following about the cheetah: "Running as fast as 70 miles per hour over short distances, the cheetah is the fastest mammal on Earth. Swiftly rushing to make its kill, the cheetah uses its great speed to run down prey after stalking it closely. Yet in spite of its quickness, some victims get away. A fast starter, the cheetah lacks stamina and tires quickly, able only to maintain top speed for a few hundred yards."

*"...A fast starter, the cheetah lacks stamina and tires quickly..."* The description sounds like some Christ-followers I've known, myself included. If following Christ was like a highway, I believe the shoulders of that highway would be littered with people who had started out well, but quickly broke down along the journey. In my own early days of ministry involvement, I think I was cheetah-like; a fast starter with lots of energy. Like many others, I learned that these things only carry you so far before the gas tanks of ministry and personal spiritual growth run dry.

The journey of the Christ-follower has been compared to a marathon rather than a sprint. In the long run, stamina, perseverance and faithfulness produce more effective ministry than high-energy ministry.

So, remember when it comes to serving Christ, don't be a cheetah!

How does one keep the gas tank full to be effective on the long journey of the Christian life? The perseverance needed only comes through daily commitment, obedience and communion with Christ. He is the source of our strength and our only hope to provide the power needed to serve Him with effectiveness day in and day out.

## ***One Last Laugh...***

A Jewish rabbi and a Catholic priest met at the town's annual 4th of July picnic. Old friends, they began their usual banter.



"This baked ham is really delicious," the priest teased the rabbi. "You really ought to try it. I know it's against your religion, but I can't understand why such a wonderful food should be forbidden! You don't know what you're missing. You just haven't lived until you've tried Mrs. Frobisher's prized Virginia Baked Ham. Tell me, Rabbi, when are you going to break down and try it?"

The rabbi looked at the priest with a big grin, and said, "At your wedding."